

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
ATSUSHI MIZUTOME, et al. ) : Examiner: Hunter B. Lonsberry  
Application No.: 09/531,959 ) : Group Art Unit: 2623  
Filed: March 21, 2000 ) :  
For: RECEIVING APPARATUS, )  
METHOD THEREFOR, :  
SIGNAL PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, METHOD :  
THEREFOR AND MEMORY )  
MEDIUM : March 5, 2008

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated December 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: